



In-SYNC Partnerships

Innovations for Schools, Youth, Neighborhoods, and Communities

In-SYNC Highlights 2002/2003

After school programming

- Reached the 1000 student threshold in after school programs. All programs now include an academic support component and enrichment activities coordinated to support the Standards of Learning.
- New CDBG after school program opened at Tarrant Elementary.
- 20 new enrichment classes offered in after school programs for the 2002/03 school year.
- Continued expanding of GED, adult continuing education, and enrichment classes at neighborhood centers including two new computer classes for senior citizens at local Neighborhood Centers.
- Hired first full-time staff member at Newtown Learning Center in close cooperation with the local leadership group. This also included a significant technology upgrade at the learning center.
- Hired 5 professional teacher and two teacher aides to coordinate tutorial efforts at Neighborhood Centers Including Y.H. Thomas, Newtown Learning Center, as well as New Life Community Development Center and Six House, faith –based after-school providers.
- Won the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant for Hampton City Schools. The grant is worth \$61,000 per year for three years and will be used to improve the academic performance of students in after school programs.
- Hired our first group of five local high school students as after school tutors to complement our 20 College-age tutors (10 per semester)

Partnerships

- Close work with Healthy Families around Child Fair (which reached over 8,000 families with young children) and explored possible first time home buyer linkage.
- Piloted the “Parent Report Card” program with Cary PTA as a model program to increase parent involvement.
- Developed parent advocate program with Social Services and HCS to provide a closer link between classroom teacher and case managers.
- Won the Civic Star Award from the American Association of School Administrators as the model program in Virginia for school and civic partnerships.
- Sponsored 4 city-wide teen summer events.
- Facilitated the development of a common grant application with local funders (Bernardine Franciscan Sisters Foundation, Riverside Wellness Foundation, and United Way of the VA. Peninsula).
- Lead support for joint City Council School Board work on the “Foundations for the Future” Document.
- Liaison with Hampton City Schools Title One staff regarding non-profit partners for the new Family, School, and Community Partnership initiative.
- Six organizations trained in Character Counts including 4-H, Star Achievers at Cooper Elementary School and HCS guidance staff.
- Continued support for the 53 volunteers in the Reading 2000 mentoring and tutoring program.

